

# North America Alliance Asked

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance has been asked to consider forming a North American Baptist Alliance or fellowship. This suggestion came out of the joint (interconvention) committee on the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The committee,

## Midwest Approves Policy

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Trustees of Midwestern Seminary here in annual meeting have adopted a policy which they hope will qualify it for accreditation in a year.

The text of the comprehensive policy on academic freedom and responsibility and other faculty matters was not immediately available to the press.

It apparently was looking forward to accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS) rather than reviewing past events.

The trustees also gave a standing vote of tribute to President Millard J. Berquist. Twenty-nine of the 30 members were present for the trustee meeting. The standing vote was reported to be unanimous. The policy action also included references to faculty tenure and a program of sabbatical leaves for the faculty.

Trustees and faculty of the seminary had a banquet together during the annual meeting.

**Knight Re-elected**  
Malcolm B. Knight of Jacksonville, Fla., was re-elected president of the trustees. Robert W. Jackson of Dalton, Ga., and Norman H. McCrummen of Birmingham were re-elected vice-president. Joe R. Hurst of Kansas City, Mo., is treasurer. L. W. Cleland of Kansas City is secretary.

In the statements to the press, both Berquist and Knight expressed happiness over the spirit of the trustee meeting. They announced the trustees will meet again May 9 in Kansas City, during the period the Southern Baptist Convention is in annual session here. This is a regular "adjourned session" to take up business which develops later in the year.

Midwestern is an institute of the SBC. The policy passed, according to a statement issued by the trustees, "Marked a significant step toward accreditation of the" (Continued on page 2)

## 22 To Preach In Montana Crusade

Seven additional Mississippi Baptist pastors have been enlisted to participate in the Baptist Evangelistic Crusade in Montana, April 15-26.

This brings the total number to 22 for the Crusade. It has been announced by Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary, who is serving as coordinator.

Following is the list of the seven newly enlisted pastors and churches to which they have been assigned in Montana:

Rev. Lavon Hatten, pastor Kimball Church, to First Poplar, Montana; Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor Emmanuel, Hattiesburg, to Helena Valley, Helena; Rev. Athens McNeil, Eastlawn, Pastagoula, to First, Ft. Benton; Rev. Leon Scarborough, Sherman, to Calvary, Glasgow; Rev. W. C. Gann, North Calvary, Philadelphia, to First, Townsend; Dr. R. A. Tullos, Mendenhall, Simpson Superintendent of Missions, to Central, Lewistown. (Continued on page 2)

## Graham Pavilion Planned For New York World's Fair

NEW YORK, N. Y. (CNS) — Construction of the Billy Graham Pavilion at the New York World's Fair is scheduled to start March 1 and completion is expected by November 1, George M. Wilson, executive vice president of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, said today. Testing of the site, on New York Avenue near the main entrance to the World's Fair, is under way.

representing seven Baptist groups on the continent, met at the American Baptist Convention office building here. A continuation committee recommended this as a way to preserve inter-convention achievements beyond the five-year advance, which ends in 1964.

It was also proposed the North American Alliance provide for annual meetings of the leaders of its participating groups. A general fellowship meeting every five years was also suggested. This North American general meeting would come midway between the Baptist World Congresses, also held every five years.

The joint committee on Baptist Jubilee Advance also voted to include a copy of the book, yet to be published, on the advance in the delegate's packet for the weekend celebration in Atlantic City, N. J., May 22-24, 1964.

The weekend celebration by the seven groups follows the annual business sessions of the American and Southern Baptist conventions, to be held separately in Atlantic City, May 18-21.

Registration fee for the jubilee celebration (but not for the business sessions preceding it) was set at \$4 per person. If more than one member of a family came, however, each additional family member would be charged only \$1.

It was reported to the committee here that plans near completion for the Baptist exhibit in the Protestant Center at the New York World's Fair in 1964 and 1965. Theme for the exhibit is "For Liberty and Light," following the Jubilee Advance theme.

The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra will take part in an oratorio on Saturday evening, May 23, 1964, during the joint celebration. The Baptist Jubilee Advance celebrates 150 years of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

The triennial convention, a Baptist body formed to advance the first foreign mission efforts of North American Baptists, was founded in 1814. Albert McClain, Nashville, SBC Executive Committee, was picked for the keynote address at the September, 1963 meeting of the joint interconvention committee in Washington, D. C.

Formation of North American Baptist Alliance has been talked up informally for about 15 years. Recently, editors of the Baptist Record in Jackson, Miss., and the Biblical Recorder (Baptist), Raleigh, N. C., among others, have called for a means to provide a stronger, more knitted witness for Baptists in North America.



BRYANT CUMMINGS, state Sunday School Secretary, chats with several program personalities during the Sunday School Convention held March 11-12 in Jackson. From left: Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Mrs. Bette Stalneck, Memphis; Paul Adams, Laurel, and Mr. Cummings. (additional pictures on page 3).

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## Freedom Theme Rings For '63 SBC

KANSAS CITY (BP) — Freedom will ring both as the main theme and the secondary themes at the 1963 session of the Southern Baptist Convention here. "To Make Men Free," tied in with the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis, will be the general theme of the four-day convention opening May 7 in Municipal Auditorium.

## 3rd GA Meet Planned

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — A third Girls' Auxiliary Convention has been scheduled for Memphis to care for the thousands of girls still clamoring to go.

Announcement was made here by Miss Betty Brewer, director of Girls' Auxiliary work for Woman's Missionary Union here, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Brewer estimated 20,000 girls from the missionary group will attend the three meetings to observe the 50th anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary.

Only one convention had originally been planned. Several weeks ago, plans for a second one, to follow the first one immediately, were made. At that time, reservations had passed the limit for the first convention and were swelling enough to warrant two conventions.

Third To Begin June 24  
The third meeting will begin (Continued on page 2)

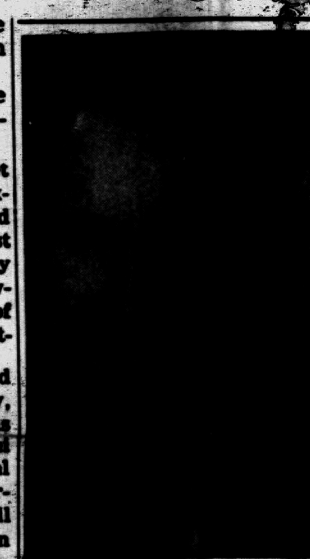
The convention will meet three times a day with the exception of Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8. The first meeting will be held Tuesday night, starting at 6:45, following the close that afternoon of several pre-convention meetings.

There will be morning and night sessions on Wednesday, the afternoon being left free, as usual, for seminary alumni luncheons and other special outside events. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held on Thursday and on Friday, the Convention's closing day.

**Sub-Themes Listed**  
Subthemes for the 1963 Convention include, "Freedom through Worship," and freedom through other means—cooperation, world missions, faith and fellowship, Christian living, Bible truth, soul liberty, responsibility, and shared witness.

Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., will lead off the addresses when he preaches the Convention Sermon on Tuesday night. The Convention at this same session will help its auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union, celebrate its 75th birthday.

President Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, serving the final of two one-year terms permitted by the constitution, delivers his address Wednesday morning.



Rev. James Harrell

## Named To New Assembly Post

Rev. James Harrell, Associate in the Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has been temporarily made Assistant Director of Assemblies. It has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Harrell will be resident manager for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian for the 1963 summer season, according to Arthur L. Nelson, Director of Assemblies.

Mr. Harrell's tenure of service in his new connection will (Continued on page 2)

## STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

By W. Douglas Hedges, Pastor First Baptist Church Jackson

During the past ten months it has been the writer's privilege to serve as a member of the S.B.C. special committee on a "Statement of Faith" to be considered by the Convention in Kansas City in May. The report of the committee was released on March 1, and it appeared in last week's issue of the Record.

Our Mississippi Baptist fellowship might be interested in some observations as to the work of this important committee.

First of all, the proposed statement is little different from the one adopted in 1924. Nothing basically has been changed. It is not a "new" pronouncement. Some wordings have been altered—the committee hopes for the better—and the arrangement of the articles is slightly different.

Second, the proposed statement is not the work of the committee alone. Dozens of individuals have been consulted; all Seminary faculties have been visited and conferred with; and many college professors and denominational leaders have offered suggestions and help. Through the meticulous work of a small sub-committee hundreds of comments, criticisms and sugges-

tions were given careful consideration and the evaluations presented to the full committee.

Third, this has been one committee that really has worked. Many sessions have been held—some of them lasting two and three days—and there has never been any sense of "hurry up and get this over with." In all the years this writer has observed or worked on a denominational assignment he has never witnessed a more serious-minded or dedicated committee. Every individual has made significant contributions to the report now offered.

**Unanimity Surprising**  
Fourth, the unanimity of the committee actually has been surprising. In the first meeting (Continued on page 3)

## Texan Addresses SS Meet

Dr. W. M. Shamburger, of Tyler, Texas, told the closing session of the State Baptist Sunday School Convention that "Spiritual power and missions are inextricably linked together. It is impossible to have one without the other."

Continuing the speaker, using the subject, "Power for Missions," declared "Missions in the twentieth century suffers no lack in knowledge, organization, communication or personnel. One thing it lacks—power—the dynamite of the Holy Spirit—spiritual power!"

"Spiritual power is not something to be grasped or learned—it is something to receive."

"Power by the Spirit is not an emotional luxury or a sensational display of spectacularism. It is a Presence given for the explicit purpose of witnessing. A willingness to witness is the only grounds on which we can expect to claim the power of God."

**Points To Difference**  
"The difference in present-day dedication is the difference between a salute and a surrender."

The convention, which was held Mar. 11-12, in Jackson's First Baptist Church drew Sunday School leaders and workers from every section of the state.

It was sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Bryant M. Cummings, secretary.

## Assistance Is Asked For Cuban Refugees

Mississippi Baptist churches are being encouraged to give assistance toward helping the thousands of needy Cuban refugees in the Miami, Fla., area, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary.

This announcement was made as a result of action taken by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board and is taken in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, which has sponsored aid to the refugees for several years.

Dr. Fay Rogers, Secretary of Cooperative Missions, has been named chairman of the Cuban Refugee Relief Committee which has met and suggested plans and procedures to be followed in helping the refugees.

"The more than 100,000 Cuban refugees in the Miami area are in desperate need," Dr. Rogers declared, "and the committee has suggested a program designed to give Mississippi Baptists an opportunity to help."

**Cash Offerings Encouraged**  
According to the plan, Mississippi churches will be encouraged to make cash offerings, to contribute food and clothing and to consider sponsoring the resettlement of a Cuban family.

The committee suggests that the offering be taken between March 27, the close of the State W.M.U. Convention, and Easter Sunday, April 14.

All funds should be sent to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary - Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 55, Jackson, Miss., marked "Cuban Relief."

Churches contributing clothes and non-perishable food will be asked to send it to a place in Jackson between April 17 and 20. The place will be announced April 1. It will be forwarded immediately to the stricken area.

Those sending clothing, new or used, are asked to send only light garments due to the constant mild temperature there.

The State W.M.U. is particularly emphasizing the clothing project while the State Brotherhood Department is promoting the sending of food and the cash offering.

The resettlement of the first Cuban family in the state by (Continued on page 2)

## Churches In Canada Organize

KAMLOOPS, British Columbia (BP) — The Canadian Southern Baptist Conference was organized here to implement "The business relevant to our Canadian work, and to serve as a forerunner to an eventual Canadian convention."

It was understood "This conference is in no way to hamper our international or state convention relationships." Southern Baptist churches in Canada are affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

The Canadian conference is a gathering of Canadian Baptists in the United States. "It is probably the first of its kind."

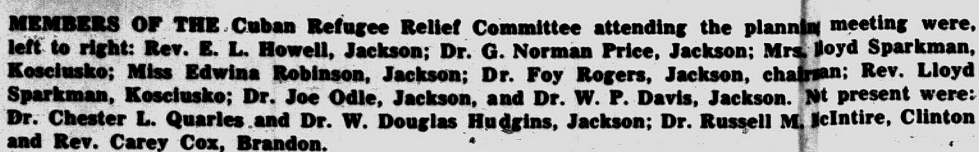


POINTING OUT their future place of service around the world are the following new missionaries who represented Mississippi among the 24 nations of the Southern Baptist Convention in Jackson: (left to right) Rev. and Mrs. James H. Rogers, Miss. and Mrs. David L. Rogers, and Mrs. Margaret Rogers.



## Yazoo City Man Writes Article

"Business offers an opportunity for all Christians to be missionaries. A forty-hour week at a good salary—permits a person much free time for his Lord if he so chooses."



## Douglas Palmer

# Alta Woods Calls Assistant Pastor

Dr. Joe Cothen is Alta Wood pastor.

Israel's first Samaritan synagogue has been opened in Holon, near Tel Aviv, where most of the country's 140 members of the ancient Israelite community live.

## 22 To Preach - -

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What better place for faith than in God's Word?—Bud Co-lyer in THOU SHALT NOT FEAR (1 John 4:18) Rev. Comm.

## Churches In - -

Conference-goers said they believe, however, that they wish to be seated by the Southern Baptist Convention with "Finally Win." They voted to hold their next annual meeting Feb. 4-5, 1984 at Calgary.

cepted for study in the University of Louisville, School of Medicine, for admission planning in September, 1946. She received an Alumnae Scholarship for her first year at the School of Medicine. Miss Boles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Boles, Louisville, Ky., and was graduated from the Brookridge County High School. She will receive her bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville.

**Daniel Memorial, Jackson**  
 March 24-31  
 Rev. Wayne  
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**Halbert Heights, Brookh-**  
on: March 24-25, Rev. C. Y.  
Gordon, First Church, Scotts-  
ville, Kentucky, evangelist.  
Jerry Smith, music director.  
Rev. Paul Moon, pastor; se-  
vices nightly during week.

The most likely place to find opportunity is right in the middle of trouble.

## C. L. Neal Dies

### **Freedom Theme -**

Convention President Hobbs was chairman of this special committee.

The world embarrasses me and I cannot dream that this watch exists and has no watchmaker. — Voltaire, quoted 1963 TARBELL'S TEACHER GUIDE (Flamingo Press Company)

This year's budget of \$58,000 is the highest in the history of the church.

Plans are being made for a child care building and apartments for married students, added. The seminary will have an operating budget of \$412,552 for 1963-64.

Mr. Harrell is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He was formerly pastor of Evangelical Baptist Church in Wayne County and also served as superintendent of missions in Wayne, Smith and Jackson Counties. Baptist Association.



# Names In The News

William Hall McGeehee of Natchez, junior at MC, has been named King of the Annual Natchez Pilgrimage for 1963 by the Natchez Garden Club. A business major at Mississippi College, he will reign over the March pilgrimage, along with other appointed royalty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. McGeehee of Natchez. His maternal grandparents are the late Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Hall, and his paternal grandparents, Mrs. W. A. McGeehee and the late Mr. McGeehee.

Miss Dorothy Emmons, missionary to Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, will be arriving in the United States around the first of May. Her address will be Sunset Acres, Apt. 62, Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Rev. S. W. Valentine on March 17 observed his sixteenth anniversary as pastor of Southside Church, Jackson. The church observed the day as "Pastor Appreciation Day."

Price Elected Secretary Of Southern Trustees

Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, was elected secretary of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., at their annual meeting March 11-13.

Dr. Price graduated from the seminary with the Ph. D. degree in 1941, and became a trustee of his alma mater in 1961.

He has held former pastorates in Kentucky and North Carolina, and is presently a trustee of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. From 1954-60 he served as a trustee of the Sunday School Board of the S.B.C.

The 103-year-old seminary, established as the first to serve Southern Baptists, has 54 trustees in 18 states. Dr. Price is one of three in the state of Mississippi.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Hamrick, missionaries on furlough from Indonesia, have moved to Moselle, Miss. (Address: Rte. 1), from Hattiesburg, Miss. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Pike and she, the former Betty Jane Spiers, of Pearl River County.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Holfield, missionary appointees, left the states March 4 for Italy. Though they will study Italian in Perugia, they may be addressed at Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Jones County and she, the former Flora Cole, of Lamar County.

Cynthia Willouise, fifth child—and first daughter—of Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Parham Jr., missionaries to Nigeria, was born February 1. Mr. and Mrs. Parham may be addressed at Box 118, Jos, Nigeria, West Africa. He is a native of Columbus, Ga.; she is the former Jo Ann Walton, of Ocala, Fla.

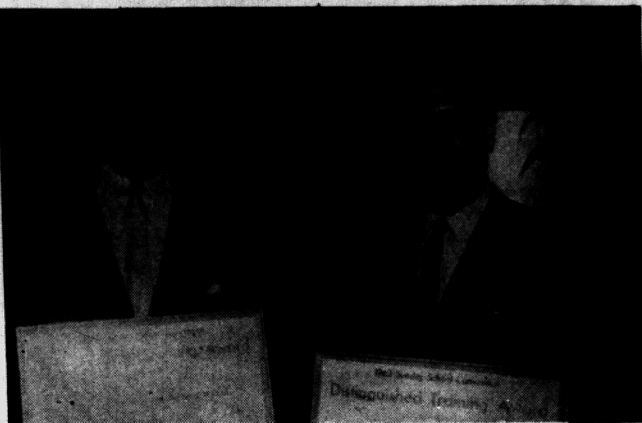
Miss Ruth Porter, missionary who has been on furlough in the states, left March 11 for Paraguay, where she is director of nursing service at Baptist Hospital, Asuncion. A native of Denison, Tex., she may be addressed at Casilla 1171, Asuncion, Paraguay.

Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., missionaries to Argentina who have been in the states on furlough, sailed March 11 for Buenos Aires, where Mr. Sprinkle is administrator of international Baptist Theological Seminary. They may be addressed at Calle Ramon L. Falcon 4080, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is a native of Fort Worth, Tex.; she is the former Lavora Murfin, of Fortville, Ind.

Rev. Bob Sanderson has accepted the pastorate of Salem Church in Waltham County and he and his family have moved on the field.

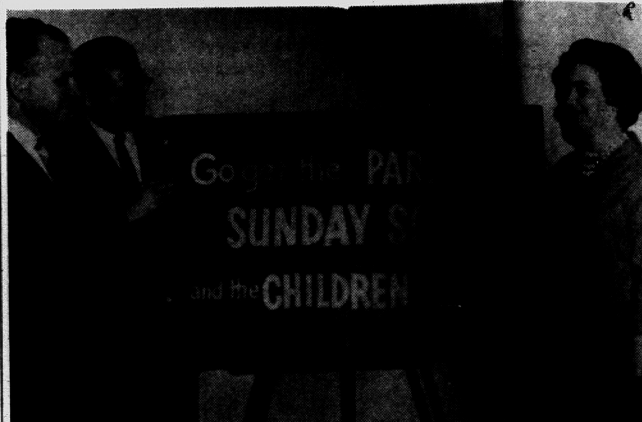


REV. CLIFTON PERKINS, (left) pastor of First Church, West Point, Mississippi, holds certificate showing that his church received more training awards in category 17 than any church in the state, for the past year while Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Hinds Superintendent of Missions, holds certificate saying that his association received more awards in the same category than any association in the state.



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## Camera Angles at State Sunday School Convention



THREE LEADERS examine poster used in conference. From left: Dr. W. M. Shamburger, Tyler, Texas, speaker; Rev. John D. Alexander, associate in State Sunday School Department, and Mrs. Marvin C. Faulett, teacher in Sunday School of Center Terrace Church, Canton.



SEVERAL LEADERS look over attractive convention program. From left: Harold Anderson, associate in Alabama Sunday School Department; Dr. Fuller B. Sanders, pastor Woodland Hills Church, Jackson; Mrs. W. T. Beavers, New Albany Sunday School teacher, and Rev. Tom Douglas, Jackson, associate in the State Sunday School Department.

## State Committee

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ing there was the feeling that we might face irreconcilable differences of interpretation and opinionated sectionalism but it quickly became evident that there was very little basic difference in the attitudes and concepts of committee members. Debate on wordings, language and methods of expression often was spirited, frank and lengthy—every man felt perfect freedom to express his opinions—but as time went on it became apparent that

there was a magnificent unity of conviction among the 25 members of the group. I believe the chairman of the committee, Dr. Hobbs, would attest to the fact that the final report was unanimously endorsed and adopted.

Fifth, I have been heartened by the revelation that the faculties of all six of our Seminaries are in perfect accord with the basic tenets of our beliefs. Their separate appraisals and evaluations were without major discord.

Every Area Represented Sixth, the personnel of the committee represented the

grass roots of our S.B.C. fellowship. Every geographical area was represented and every evidence was manifest that our total people were represented.

Seventh, the spiritual blessings were indisputable. That God's Spirit was brooding over us there never was doubt. The work has been tedious, trying, and difficult but no special group has ever had a more rewarding spiritual experience

than did we. What the Convention will do with the committee's report remains to be seen. We have done what we hope is our best. We would like to anticipate that the membership of the Convention-related churches will take the time to study the proposed statement, compare it with the so-called 'Mullins' declaration, (1925 Statement-Ed.) and vote as the Spirit directs when the matter is presented.

The commission was introduced to its new offices in the Southern Baptist Convention Building here. A. C. Miller, Sedona, Ariz., immediate past executive secretary, took part in the consecration service for the new offices.

Members of the commission assisted in the service. The commission voted to hold its 1964 meeting in Nashville March 2-4.

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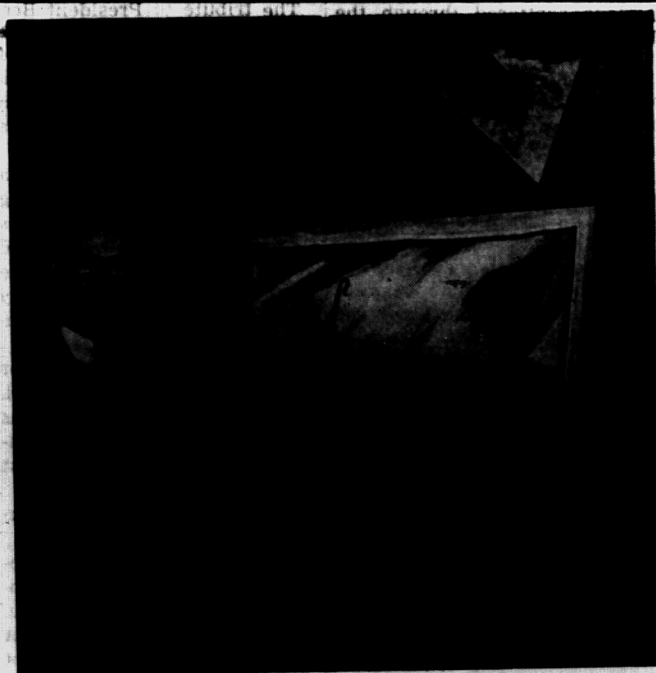
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## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

E. L. HOWELL  
Secretary  
MISS MAVIS McCARTY  
Office Secretary

M. LEE FERRELL  
Associate



Kenneth Quinn, pictured above, on the Man and Boy Rally program both at Liberty and Laurel, Mississippi. He is graduated from Mississippi College in 1961 with a BA Degree. He is presently employed in the Jackson Public School System as an art teacher in Whitten Jr. High School. Mr. Quinn is very well known in the state and particularly in the Jackson area for his ability as a Chalk Artist.

Please send the number of men and boys, planning to eat supper at the Rally, to the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

## Attention! All Paid Church Staff

(Except Pastors, Secretaries and Janitors)

Your names and addresses are needed immediately if they are to be included in the new Convention Annual, which is almost ready to go to press.

TO BE SURE THAT YOUR NAME IS INCLUDED PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND MAIL IT TODAY TO DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES, BOX 530, JACKSON, MISS.

Name .....

Mailing Address .....

Church .....

Association .....

Position held: Assistant Pastor ( )

Educational Director ( )

Director of Music ( )

Youth Director ( )

If other, please list ( )

(Note: If you hold a combination job please check each position held.)

## BAPTIST Training UNION DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR  
Kermit S. King  
SECRETARIES  
Miss Betty Lewis  
Mrs. John L. Walker

ASSOCIATES  
Miss Evelyn George  
G. E. Pierce  
James Harrell  
Norman A. Rodgers

## Time To Report Youth Week In Mississippi

The week of March 17-22 was the week scheduled by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board as YOUTH WEEK. Below you will find an application for SEAL II of the HONOR CHURCH PROGRAM. By filling this form out and mailing it to the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, your church will immediately receive the seal for the Honor Church Program Diploma. If your church has not yet received a diploma, it may be secured by mailing a list of all names and addresses of the Training Union workers in your church. Your church has received through the mail, earlier this year, the form which is entitled "Training Union Report For Year October 1962-September 1963."

## Seal 2 YOUTH WEEK

Church ..... Association .....  
Director ..... Address .....  
This is to certify that Youth Week was observed during the period .....  
Please make any comments you desire concerning the value of Youth Week or special activities engaged in during the week. ....

## Remember To Report Youth Night Too!

Remember to report YOUTH NIGHT to the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. This meeting has become one of the finest meetings promoted for Young People and Intermediates in the State of Mississippi and all of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention. In your report list the total attendance at Youth Night in your association. This information should be reported to the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, as well as to your state Training Union Department.

## It's Not Too Late!

If your church did not observe Youth Week during the March 17-22 week, it is not too late to schedule it at some future date. Many of our churches in Mississippi observe Youth Week during the summer months when most of their college students are home and can participate. The same is true for Youth Night. Schedule it at some time when you can have the best participation by the Intermediates and Young People of your association.

## Share Your Joy At Easter

By Dressing A Child For Church At The BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

As you honor the Risen Lord on April 14, why not add joy to your own Christian experience by sharing your means and helping us at Easter provide church clothing for spring and summer. You can bring light to the eyes of one of the 179 children by dressing him for church at Easter!

### You May:

1. Write us at Box A, Delta Station, Jackson 3, Miss., for the name, age, sex and measurements of a child, ages 4 to 20. Then you may purchase the clothing, which should be new, or make it at home, and mail or deliver the gift to our campus.
2. You may send us a check to pay for all or any part of the gift of clothing for any child or group of children. \$10.00 will provide for a child up to 6 years; \$15.00 for one 7 to 12 years and \$25.00 for a teen-ager.
3. You may telephone us in Jackson at FL 3-3047 or FL 2-3517 for further information and details.

WE NEED 150 SPRING OUTFITS—WILL YOU CONTACT US TODAY?

## The Baptist Children's Village

P. O. Box A, Delta Station  
Jackson 3, Mississippi



# The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper  
Of Any Kind in Mississippi  
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

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## The Green Light Is On - Let's Go!

At the closing session of the State Sunday School Convention in Jackson's First Church, a replica of a traffic light was on a poster which stood just to the rear of the pulpit stand. The green light was flashing off and on, and the poster read "The Green Light Is On - Let's Go!" Messages and other features of the program were of interest, but the flashing light and challenging words left an impression from which one could not escape. The thought has continued to flash back in my mind ever since the session.

The Sunday School has been one of the major factors in Southern Baptist growth in recent years, and has had a vital part in bringing the denomination to its present position of being the largest evangelical group in America. The Sunday school, as used by Southern Baptists, has been not only a great Bible teaching agency, but also has proved to be a most effective tool for reaching and winning the lost, and for the enlistment of the membership. Every church which has built a good Sunday school has seen its baptisms increase, and its whole program advance.

The importance of the Sunday school in Southern Baptist life principally is found in the emphasis which Baptists give to Bible teaching. The curriculum of their Sunday schools centers around the Bible. They have not followed the trend of some other groups to use the Sunday school to teach in other fields. Southern Baptists believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, that it reveals God's message of salvation, and that it is the "supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tried." They have a conviction that such a book should be taught to every person. Baptists believe that there is no greater need for this hour of history, than for all people to know the Word of God and follow its teachings. Because of this they see the Sunday school, not as a program which will serve its little day and then pass off the scene, but as a phase of church work which continually must be improved and enlarged.

In the past few years, however, there has been a definite decline in the rate of Southern Baptist Sunday school growth. The result has been that the whole church program has suffered and expected large gains have not been made. The seriousness of the situation may be seen by studying the following table which gives the growth of Mississippi Baptist Sunday school enrollment for the past fifteen years, the percentage gain for each year, and the comparable percentage gain for the whole Southern Baptist Convention.

Year	S. S. Enrollment (Miss.)	Percentage Gain (Miss.)	Pct. Gain (SBC)
1948	193,070	7.0	7.6
1949	205,683	6.1	8.0
1950	226,985	9.4	8.2
1951	235,025	3.4	4.6
1952	243,016	3.4	4.5
1953	255,349	5.1	4.9
1954	277,838	8.8	10.4
1955	287,392	3.4	4.5
1956	289,570	.8	2.7
1957	293,773	1.5	2.2
1958	298,817	1.7	1.8
1959	307,315	2.8	2.9
1960	311,582	1.4	1.5
1961	318,044	2.1	1.7
1962	326,517	.8	.8

Even a glance at this table will quickly reveal that rate of growth of enrollment in both Mississippi and the whole Southern Baptist Convention, has been down for the past seven years as compared with the preceding eight years. The average yearly gain for the period 1948-1955 was 5.8% while for the period 1956-1962 it was only 1.6%. The gain during 1962 was less than 1%. Since the figures for the Southern Baptist Convention are approximately the same, it is clear that this is not simply a local or state problem.

These figures reveal a serious situation, which must be remedied if Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists are to continue to grow in the future as they have in the past. If the present trend continues, we may see an actual loss in enrollment almost any year. We shall not seek to explain why this condition has come to pass. Many reasons have been suggested, but we do not know which, if any, of them may be correct.

Whatever the cause, something must be done, and done now, and we are convinced that something can be done. Through long experience and testing, in every type of church, Southern Baptists have learned that Sunday schools can be built when certain basic principles are adopted and faithfully followed. The Standard of Excellence, grading, good records, teacher training, enlargement programs, visitation and other plans have proved to be effective tools in building Sunday schools in our churches. When these things have been used, Sunday schools have grown: when they are not used there usually is little or no growth. Have we, in our success, forgotten these principles, or ceased diligently to apply them? We are convinced that if every church in Mississippi again would begin faithfully to use these proven methods, the present trend would be reversed, and much larger growth would come. This will not be accomplished merely by wishing for a change or hoping for it. It will come only by dedication, prayer, right methods and hard work.

No state in the Southern Baptist Convention has a stronger department of Sunday school work than that which we have here in Mississippi. Mr. Bryant Cummings and his associates are giving splendid leadership in the whole Sunday school program, and are making available to every Sunday school in the state the very best in leadership training and guidance in Sunday school building. Working with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville they offer what many consider to be the finest Sunday school program in the world today. Nevertheless, these departments cannot, by themselves, build Sunday schools. Those must be built in the local churches. Only pastors, superintendents and other church and Sunday school leaders can do the things that will cause Sunday schools to grow. When they determine to do that advance will begin.

The green light is on! There is not a single red light to stop us! Mississippi has the people, the program and the possibilities for great advance in Sunday school work. It is time to start, if we have not already done so!

"The green light is on! Let's go!"

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Southern Baptists Are Now Bigger Than Anybody

From Christianity Today

Congratulations are in order. The Southern Baptist Convention is now the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. It has a membership of 10,193,052, compared to the second largest denomination, the Methodists, with a latest reported membership of 10,153,003. An

## ONE DAY -- A GOODBYE FOREVER?

THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT  
-- MATT. 24:40-41, LUK. 17:34-35



## Baptist Forum

### New Life For Japan

Dear friends:

This letter is a definite and urgent request for prayer. Only by powerful prayer support can we face the present crisis and challenge in our work here. There are two particular points of need.

Dr. Hirano's sudden death—Dr. Shiro Hirano was undoubtedly the outstanding Baptist layman in Japan. As head of the research institute of Lion Dentrifrice Company, he was a tremendous research scientist. He and I together started Mitaka Baptist Church four years ago, and when a pastor's home was built next to the church, he and his wife moved in, and without pay he served as Assistant Pastor, assuming more and more responsibilities of pastor. He served on numerous committees of the Japan Baptist Convention, and was also president of the Convention two times. A year ago he traveled to America in behalf of the New Life Movement. He suddenly died of a heart attack January 24, at the age of 50. Our church had only recently given up ten leading members to open the new mission at Sengawa, and most of the responsibilities at Mitaka had fallen on him.

Since his death, our church has gone through a period of serious problems and deep heart-searching. In order to clear the way for calling a new pastor, I have resigned as pastor and led the Evangelist (really called as Dr. Hirano's assistant, and the church's only paid worker) to do the same. Now we are ready to call a new pastor. We need your prayers for this church at this time. Pray that God may lead the church and God's man for this hour together. This church has a great future, but a mistake at this time could really hurt. Pray also for Mrs. Hirano. She has been beautifully brave and strong through this trial. God has given her great grace. Keep praying for her.

The Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

This long awaited evangelistic movement is now upon us. It involves a five-day crusade in Tokyo, climaxing is a rally at the baseball stadium April 3, with Billy Graham to preach. Now we learn that Billy is sick in Hawaii and will have to cancel. He was to speak about 22 times all over Japan, including similar rallies in four other cities. This is providential, and we must accept it as a challenge to

increase of 2.2 per cent last year enabled it to displace The Methodist Church, which increased its membership last year by only 1 per cent.

Although congratulations are in order, few will be officially extended. Southern Baptists can scarcely congratulate themselves, and most religious publications—being house organs of a particular denomination—will feel too inhibited to do so. The spirit of ecumenical fellowship has not yet gone that far. We want, however, to join those who extend hearty congratulations to the biggest United States denomination.

Although the Calvinistic tradition regnant in the United States until about 100 years ago was most consistently embodied in the Anglican-Presbyterian-Reformed churches, it is not these which have become the big churches of this country. They were far surpassed by the Baptists (and Methodists). That the greatest growth has gone to the Baptists is due in part to the fact that they so thoroughly embodied the typical individualistic American spirit, to the adaptability of their loose organization to the conditions of the American frontier, and certainly to a lively spirit of evangelism. Their contribution to the American tradition of separation of church and state has been unequaled. Theological and cultural impact has been considerably less.

One can only get dizzy attempting to assess the potential impact of more than 10 million Christians upon the life of our nation. Thankfully there are indications that, at this high point in its history, this great segment of the body of Christ is awakening to America's larger challenges.

pray more, and depend on God to use other men without the fame of Billy.

In connection with the movement, there are to be week-long revivals in all churches and missions (146) of our convention. We have teams from America (mostly Texas) coming out for each of these meetings. At Mitaka, we have Dr. Hugh Bumpas, Oklahoma City as preacher, a singer, an instrumentalist, and 2 laymen or the team. I must interpret for all of them. Our week is April 7-14. Due to Dr. Hirano's death and problems that followed, our preparation is very late and inadequate. We need your prayers. These men are coming at their own expense. Other funds for advertising, etc., have been provided from Texas Baptists. We are grateful, but we know money alone won't do. An unusual musical program will prove helpful in attracting a crowd, but only the Holy Spirit can open blind eyes and convict of sin.

At Sengawa we have the meeting April 14-21. We overlap one Sunday. There our preacher will be Bob Polk of Big Spring, Texas. Our membership there is still only 12, and due to the sudden crisis at the mother church, I have been forced to leave them on their own much of the time. Please pray for both church and mission during this time!

Last month Bobby Richardson of the New York Yankees and Don Demeter of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball teams came out in connection with the New Life Movement. I served as their manager and interpreter as we traveled over Japan visiting pro baseball spring training camps. It opened doors never touched before. They testified for Christ boldly everywhere, and good contacts were made with the leading baseball heroes of this baseball mad country. Pray for NAGASHIMA, 3rd baseman of the Tokyo Giants. He is Japan's No. 1 hero, and Bobby Richardson made a great impression on him. Pray that he and others like him may be led to Christ.

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### Loyce Nelson Dies

Dr. Loyce N. Nelson, 38, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, died early Monday, March 11, in the Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Tex. Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, at the Texarkana Funeral Home.

## BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
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### THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Two views are commonly held with respect to the "Suffering" passages in Old Testament prophecy (cf. Isaiah 42ff. and others). One is that they refer to the nation Israel. In certain instances this is true (cf. Isa. 41:8-9; 44:1). But in other passages the references are to a person (Isa. 42:1ff.; but note 42:19-20 where reference is to Judah). In each instance the context must decide.

These two views obtain regarding the "suffering Servant" passages (cf. Isa. 52:13-53:12). However, a careful reading reveals the Servant to be a person, not a nation. Christian theology sees these as prophecies concerning the sufferings of Jesus Christ, hence the "Suffering Servant." There is no incident in Hebrew history to which this above-mentioned passage might refer.

However, when it is studied in the light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus its meaning is quite clear. Isaiah 53:4-6 reads like an eye-witness account of Calvary (cf. Psalm 22:1-18).

During the period between the Testaments the Suffering Servant role of Christ was overshadowed by the Messianic prophecies of judgment (cf. Mal. 4), so that even John the Baptist pointed to this latter

ministry in his preaching (Matt. 3:7-12). And because Jesus adopted the role of the Suffering Servant, John inquired, "Art thou he that should come (the erchomenos, the Coming One, Messiah), or do we look for another (another of a different kind of Messiah)?" (Matt. 11:3). Note Jesus' reply (Matt. 11:4-5). It is in this light that we may understand Peter's reply to Jesus (Matt. 16:21-23). So obsessed were the disciples with the Messianic role of judgment that they could not see the Christ as being crucified. Not until after the resurrection, and at Jesus' own teaching, did they comprehend His role as the Suffering Servant (Luke 24:44-46).

Jesus did not neglect to teach His mission of judgment (John 12:31, "judgment" here means "crisis"). Every time a man or a nation is confronted with Jesus Christ, it is a judgment or crisis. Judgment has been committed to the Son (cf. John 5:22, 27; 9:39). In His first coming Jesus was the Suffering Servant. In His second coming He will judge all men and nations (Matt. 25:31 ff.; Rom. 14:10; II Cor. 5:10; Rev. 12:5; 20:11ff.). Now He is the Suffering Servant, our Savior; then He will be our Judge, to reward the redeemed and to consign the unredeemed to everlasting suffering.



## When Repentance Is Real

Repentance has its positive as well as its negative aspects. Sadly, we sometimes emphasize the former more than the latter. But, to be sure, conviction of sin, which is the chief negative aspect of repentance, is tremendously important. This was the dominant theme of John the Baptist and his "baptism of repentance." Yet John himself pointed the way to a superior baptism of the Spirit.

However, John was confronted with an embarrassing dilemma when the innocent Jesus requested his baptism. John was troubled because he knew that Jesus could not offer the usual negative "fruits of repentance." Jesus salvaged the situation by placing a positive interpretation on John's baptism of repentance. Quite literally, he said: "It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness in this manner" (Matthew 3:15).

What, then, is this positive

aspect of repentance whereby one begins to "fulfill all righteousness"? At the risk of oversimplification, it could be reduced to a word: commitment. This, of course, is another name for faith. So, some would argue that commitment is not a part of repentance but rather follows subsequently to it. By way of analysis, that's one way of stating it. But, in human experience, conviction and commitment are not so easily distinguishable.

The New Testament term which ordinarily is translated "repentance" means "a process of rethinking." Today, we probably would employ the term "reorientation." And that is the very point. Repentance involves a turning from but also a turning to, else it is not distinctively Christian.

## Pages

From The Past

By J. L. Boyd

### Calendar Of Prayer

March 25—Grady Marler, Hinds associational Brotherhood president; W. W. Stevens, Mississippi College faculty.

March 26—J. A. McMillan, Choctaw associational Training Union director; Mrs. J. B. Purvis, Hinds associational WMU president.

March 27—Harold St. Gemme, Baptist Student Director, Jackson; G. Ray Worley, associate, Seminary Extension Dept.

March 28—B. L. Parkinson, faculty, William Carey College; Genevieve Walker, Baptist Book Store.

March 29—Robert Burrus, Baptist Building; Andrew Clark, Baptist Building.

March 30—Annie Hendricks, staff, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Mary Farrell Kee, faculty, Clarke College.

March 31—Percy Barnett, staff, Baptist Children's Village; Holmes Carlisle, Scott superintendent of missions.

### History Series In "Baptist Student"

NASHVILLE — Norman W. Cox, executive secretary emeritus of the Southern Baptist Convention's Historical Commission, has contributed a series of articles on Baptist history to three spring issues of "The Baptist Student," Christian collegiate magazine.

The issues are: March, "Baptists before America"; April, "Baptist development in America"; May, "Contemporary Baptist life in America."

Church construction reached almost one billion dollars during 1962.

60 Years Ago  
Pastor Theo Whitfield of the Baptist Church, McComb, takes the lead of the League in placing the Baptist Record in fifty-three homes on the proposition of "four months for 50 cents."

50 Years Ago  
Brother J. D. Westersby of the McComb Church sends to the editor of the Baptist Record cost of postage sufficient to send the paper to all Mississippians who labor on foreign fields.

In a report of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary a list of the students from Mississippi is given which includes the followings who are known to be still alive: J. L. Boyd, G. S. Dobbins and A. A. Stanley.

20 Years Ago  
The Leland Baptist Church incorporated the Baptist Record in this annual budget to be sent into every home of the membership, and Pastor E. H. Westmoreland writes to alert the members with an appeal for them to read it.

The W.M.S. of the Hazlehurst Church raised \$102.43 during the week of prayer for Foreign Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. And a "Missionary Baptist in the church added \$100 to it."

The newly organized Baptist Church of the South, incorporated an evangelistic campaign with some additions and great benefit to local community. Pastor Henry L. Byrd was assisted by Rev. W. W. Kyzar as evangelist and Joe Canzoneri as song leader. Joe Canzoneri, reporting.

## Insight:

By Foy Valentine, Executive Secretary, SBC Christian Life Commission

(Reprinted from "Master Control," radio production of Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission)



### A MATTER OF WORKING WIVES AND MOTHERS

Undoubtedly you're familiar with the old saying, "A man works from sun to sun but a woman's work is never done." But do you know that no less than one out of every three married women in America now has gainful employment outside the home? Labor saving devices have given the modern wife more time on her hands, and nearly universal education has given her more education in her head. She is therefore abandoning her single role as homemaker to assume a dual role as both homemaker and wage earner. Married women work for a number of reasons: to keep the wolf away from the door, to escape the "drudgery" of domesticity, to have the extras of our affluent society, and to achieve recognition which they would not normally get in the home.

Certainly some of these motives are good. But some of them are less than worthy. A happy and healthy home should be able to supply a morally adequate motive before the wife and mother yields her position as homemaker to become a wage earner. If and when such a motive is found, there should still be a willingness to face frankly and guard carefully against the dangers of wives and mothers working outside the home. Among those dangers are the delay of God-given responsibility of parenthood, serious strain and tension within the family, a tragic and often disastrous neglect of children, and an erosion of the fine art of living together.

Undoubtedly some wives and mothers must work because of economic necessity. Still others clearly ought to work for personal psychological reasons. Woman's basic role or responsibility, however, is in the home. God's fundamental purposes when he first created woman were that she should bear children and that she should be "an helpmeet" to her husband — answering to him, complementing him, making life together for them full and complete. God's fundamental purposes do not change. They are the same for the Twentieth Century woman as they were for the first woman. If it means the willful rejection or neglect of these basic, God-given responsibilities, no wife and mother ought to work outside the home.

An eight-year study by the Academy of Religion and Mental Health shows that one third of all problems coming to the attention of clergymen today are reportedly of serious psychiatric dimensions. Yet only 7 per cent of the country's 250,000 clergymen who have congregations have had sound and adequate technical psychological training to deal with the serious questions that confront them.

Gideons International has provided a Bible for every room of 100 West Berlin hotels.

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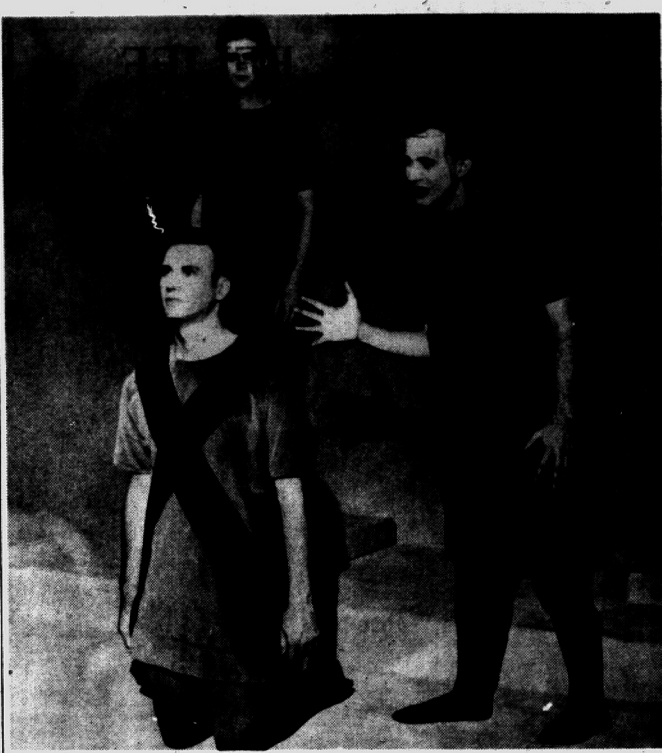
## REVIVAL RESULTS

**Big Ridge, Biloxi:** 27 additions, 23 for baptism and four by letter; Rev. W. H. Merritt, pastor of Whitesand Church, Prentiss, evangelist; Grant Shipp, music director; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

**Itta Bena, First:** March 4-10; 17 professions of faith; five additions by letter; Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, evangelist; Lewis Bridges, minister of music, First Church, Louisville, singer; Rev. Joseph R. Nanney, Jr., pastor.

**Riverside, Clarksdale:** February 24-March 3; Rev. J. H. Royalty, Clinton Boulevard Church, Jackson, evangelist; L. V. Martin, singer; Rev. Floyd Higginbotham, pastor; 41 professions of faith; 27 rededications; six additions by letter; four life commitments.

**Topeka (Lawrence):** February 22-24; Rev. Charles Gray, pastor of Peach Creek Church, Panola County, and student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Rev. Noel Polk, Mississippi College student, singer; Mrs. Billie Faye Maddux, pianist; Rev. Bob Maddux, pastor; one addition by letter; nine public rededications by adults and young people; "good attendance and wonderful services."



**SATAN taunts Moses as the archangel Michael looks on. This is the setting from GO DOWN MOSES, a modern religious drama produced March 8-16 on the Carey campus by the Serampore Players. Kneeling as Moses is Jerry Boone of Columbia. Michael is played by Steve Bridges, a freshman from Tampa, Fla., and Satan is portrayed by Andrew Schottgen of Mobile, Alabama.**

## Carey Drama Students To Tour Five States With "Go Down Moses"

The Biblical account of the story of Moses forms the basis

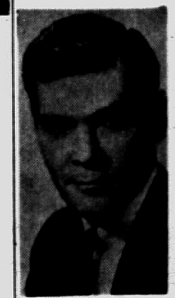
for the modern religious drama, GO DOWN MOSES, performed March 8-16 by the Serampore Players at William Carey College. The drama, written by a British playwright, Philip Lamb, was directed by Obra Quave of the Carey Speech and Drama Department. The Serampore Players will tour five states with this, their third Spring religious drama.

Moses, Satan, and Michael, the archangel of God, are the three main characters. Satan and Michael are presented in battle vying for the soul of Moses. They are supported by a chorus of six, three men and three women. These appear alternately as the children of Israel in bondage, in the wilderness, and in the new Israel.

## Hinds Youth To See "Go Down Moses"

"Go Down Moses" will be presented by the William Carey College Players at the annual Hinds Association Youth Night, Friday, March 22, at the Woodland Hills Church, Jackson.

In addition to the drama, the program will feature interviews with the following youth leaders: Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, Miss Kathryn Bearden, Rev. Tom Douglas, Dr. Bob Simmons, and Miss Peggy Langley, all of Jackson. Special music will be presented by the Youth Choir of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, under the direction of Gene Hubbard, Minister of Music. The program is for all single Young People and Intermediates and their adult leadership.



Bill Hanson



Jean McQueen

## Going To Japan

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Hanson have been asked by the Texas Baptist Convention to assist in the New Life Evangelistic Crusade to be held in Japan March 30-May 5.

Dr. Hanson will be an organist for the Crusade and Mrs. Hanson will assist as pianist and teacher.

Mrs. Hanson, the former Jean McQueen, attended Mississippi College 1951-53. She lived in Jackson, where her parents were members of Griffith Memorial Church, before moving to Greenville and Parkview Church. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McQueen, are still members of Parkview, Greenville.

Dr. Hanson, a dentist, is organist for First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. The couple, who live in Dallas, have two children.

(Billy Graham, because of illness, will not be able to preach in this Japan Crusade, as had been planned, but the revivals will go on as scheduled.)

A new operation using a plastic substitute for a seriously injured knee ligament promises to put athletes back in the game.

## Sunday Reports

### Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

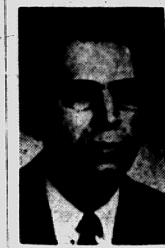
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Thursday, March 21, 1963

## Jesus Answers His Critics

By Clifton J. Allen  
Mark 12:13-44

The scene of our lesson is the Temple in Jerusalem. It was Tuesday the last day of



Jesus' public ministry. His enemies were set on his destruction. His triumphal entry, his cleansing of the Temple, and his indictment of the nation for unbelief in him as the Messiah aroused the chief priests and scribes to even more venomous hate. They therefore set about to ask him a series of catch questions, hoping to entrap him in his speech and thus open the way for direct charge against him. His answers to his critics set forth truths which are central for Christian faith and duty and which are timeless in their application.

The enemies of Jesus often become the means of his praise. Malicious questions open the way for the declaration of truth: Blasphemous charges emphasize his divinity and goodness. Wicked resistance demonstrates the marvel of his mercy. The answers to his critics give us guidance for faith and action.

### The Lesson Explained

#### THE ISSUE AS TO CIVIL DUTY (vv. 13-17)

Surprisingly, the Pharisees and the Herodians combined against Jesus. They had nothing in common politically, but alike they hated Jesus. Their question, meant to catch Jesus on the horns of an inescapable dilemma, was very shrewd: Is it right to pay taxes? To say yes would make him a traitor in the minds of the Jews. To say no would place him in rebellion against Caesar. Jesus' enemies sought to bring him into open conflict either with the civil government or with the people of his own nation. He refused to be caught by the trick of his enemies. Instead, he admonished them: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

The question put to Jesus is a basic issue. Man has obligations to civil government, and he has obligations to God. Jesus was not saying that they are mutually exclusive or that they have no relation one to the other. He was simply af-

firming that man should recognize and discharge his duty as a citizen of the state; he should also recognize and fulfill the obligations growing out of his relationship to God. A Christian therefore should not ignore either duty.

#### THE ISSUE AS TO RELIGIOUS DUTY (vv. 28-34)

Attention should be given to the intervening verses (18-27) in which we have the question of the Sadducees about the resurrection. But we concentrate our study on the next question, asked by one of the scribes, "Which is the first commandment of all?" His question had to go with religious duty, but it showed a completely legalistic spirit. The implication of the scribe's question was how can religious duty be reduced to the lowest possible level. In other words, what is the least one can do, or what is the one thing one must do, without getting into a hopeless state of apostasy?

For an answer, Jesus defined religious duty in terms of love. Because God is who he is, the one Lord, he is to be loved supremely. Such love is to gather up the combined energies of one's being, all of one's faculties of feeling, of thought, of devotion, of service, and of self-giving. Such love for God cannot be separated from love for one's fellow human beings. Sincere love for God begets love for all those whom God loves.

The answer of Jesus to the scribe won his admiration if not his acceptance. He knew that Jesus had answered with true wisdom. If only the scribe had been willing to humble himself in an act of faith! He came so near to the kingdom, but he failed to enter into it because his heart was not surrendered to the Saviour.

#### THE ISSUE OF THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Jesus had silenced his enemies. No one dared to ask him a further question. But he confronted the people around him with the all-important issue as to himself. The scribes admitted that Christ, that is, the Messiah, was to be the son of David. But David had called the Messiah "Lord." The intent of Jesus' question was clear: Why were the people of Jerusalem unwilling to acknowledge him as the Messiah and accept him as their Lord? This is always the heart of the matter. If one is willing to receive

Christ as Lord and make the whole of life subservient to his will, every other question and every other issue can be resolved.

#### Truths to Live By

Christians should be the truest citizens. — The Christian sees government in the light of God's purpose. The state is meant to be an instrument of God's will. It is designed for the maintenance of order and for the welfare of the people. The fact that a person is committed to the service of Christ should make him all the more concerned to work for integrity in government, righteousness in public life, and justice in the political and social order.

Love is the highest obligation. — Love is what God wants most from us, and love is what our neighbors need most from us. Without love for God, gifts of praise or gifts of possessions or gifts of service cannot please him. Without love for our fellow men, deeds of kindness or professions of sympathy will be scarcely more than mockery. The obligation of love costs more than any other debt: it costs sincerity, sacrifice, service, and self-giving.

Christ answers the hardest questions. — No matter what the issue or challenge brought to Christ, his wisdom provides the perfect answer. Whether one comes with skepticism or criticism or antagonism, the question presented to Christ will draw from him the insight of perfect knowledge and perfect judgment. There are no questions too hard for him. The one thing that matters is a willingness to do what he commands and to follow the instruction he gives.

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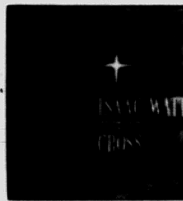
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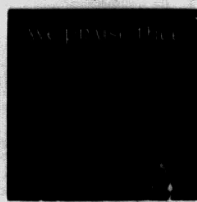
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## Judson College 125 Years Old

Judson College, Marion, Alabama, will celebrate her 125th year of Christian education this year. The quinquennial celebration will be held May Day weekend, the first weekend in May.

On Friday, May 3, Dr. Herschel Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the convocation address. This service will be climaxed by a concert presented by Mrs. Irene Jordan Caplan, Metropolitan Opera star and Judson graduate.

Saturday, May 4, will follow the regular schedule of alumni activities.

Judson is a woman's college owned by Alabama Baptists. Dr. Conwell Anderson is President.



**GARY BERRY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Berry, was recently licensed to preach the gospel by the Mt. Zion Church, Simpson County. A senior at Magee High School, Gary plans to fail. He is active in church and is presently assistant director of Training Union. Rev. Sutton Smith is the Mt. Zion pastor.

## Mueller Brings Layne Lectures

NEW ORLEANS—"Baptists have sat in jails because of their belief in soul freedom and the separation of church and state," professor William A. Mueller reminded his audience during the annual Layne Lecture at New Orleans Seminary, Feb. 27-Mar. 1.

Dr. Mueller is professor of church history at the Seminary.

"Whereas others have held the idea that it is the duty of the magistrate to protect the Christian faith, Baptists have felt that religion should be left to every man's conscience."

Speaking on "church and state in historical perspective," Dr. Mueller recounted the early Baptist beginnings in Europe. He noted the persecutions which have lasted into

the twentieth century of those who believe in soul freedom. "Lest here be misunderstanding at this point," the lecturer went on, "it must be remembered that Baptists have always emphasized soul freedom within the context of the state."

As an example, Dr. Mueller said that it is a church's prerogative to purge itself of unworthy members. This purging is always spiritual, never physical and is never delegated to spiritual or civil overlords.

Tracing historical developments of church-state concepts through statements made at Baptist World Alliance gatherings, Dr. Mueller told of the unity which has prevailed on the subject of religious liberty.



ON FEBRUARY 17, FAIRVIEW Mission in Riverside Association met to be constituted into a church. (The Mission was located two miles west of Dublin.) Lewis Kellum was moderator at the service. The name Fairview Church was chosen and Rev. James Kellum, pastor of the Mission was called as pastor. Thirty-one people were present for the service. A site has been given for the proposed new church building. The present building is shown above.

## THE BAPTIST RECORD Thursday, March 21, 1930

### Carmel Announces 3-Fold Celebration

Carmel Church, Monticello, is planning Homecoming Day, dedication of their building, and a note-burning ceremony, all for Sunday, March 24.

There will be all-day services with dinner at the church. Rev. Phil J. Walker, pastor, states, "Carmel, organized in 1908, now has a beautiful, spacious auditorium, with an educational annex, and is well equipped with a three-bedroom pastor's home, beautiful grounds, and a fine, dedicated membership. These are just a few of the blessings the Lord has given us, for which we are humbly grateful."

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Calvary	102.17	102.17	Ward	15.00	297.94	Ward	127.75	127.75	Bethel	335.17	771.50
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## Pontotoc Homecoming To Feature Former Pastor, T. L. Holcomb

The church completed a modern educational unit in 1963, built a modern parsonage in 1961, and plans are now under way to construct another educational building in the near future.

Dr. Holcomb, who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday, is a native Mississippian and served several pastorates in the state before going to the Sunday School Board.

The Finance Committee is making plans to boost the building fund to at least \$25,000 by the end of that day. The fund now stands at \$8,000.

All former pastors, staff members, and members are invited to be present to share in the activities of the day.

The pastor, Dr. W. Levon Moore, states that this Homecoming Day activity is expected to be one of the highlights of this year in the life of this historic 117-year-old church.

T. L. Holcomb

"Homecoming Day" activities will be observed at First Church, Pontotoc on Sunday, March 31. Special features of the day will be messages by Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Dallas, Texas, music by the combined choirs of the church, an old fashioned "dinner on the ground", and the receiving of offerings on the Building Fund.

Dr. Holcomb, former Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is a former pastor of the Pontotoc church. He was called in November of 1913 as the first full-time pastor of the church and served for four years. During his pastorate the church constructed a new parsonage and the building still being used as an auditorium.

## Dr. Schweitzer Invited To Visit U. S. In Spring

NEW YORK (RNS) — A committee of prominent Americans was formed here to invite Dr. Albert Schweitzer, famed Protestant medical missionary in Lambarene, Gabon, to visit the United States this spring.

The committee includes U. N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson; Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, former Rep. Brooks Hays, a special assistant to President Kennedy and prominent Southern Baptist layman; and Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

## World Missions Featured In T. U. Magazine

NASHVILLE — "Four modern religious movements" and "a shrinking world and expanding responsibility" are the titles of two timely articles in the special world missions (March) issue of "Baptist Training Union Magazine."

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., has written on "Four Modern Religious Movements."

According to Dr. Phelps, the four movements challenging the forces of Christianity — Communism, Zen Buddhism, Bahaism and Culturology — have blunted the cutting edge of home and foreign missions.

"A Shrinking World and Expanding Responsibility" was written by Dr. Browning Ware, pastor of Caldar Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex.

Dr. Ware urges Baptists to throw off their prejudices and grow to the opportunities of a world vastly shrunken by telegraph, radio, television and telstar. He says that "The world awaits a competent demonstration of every Baptist as a witness to the personal world in which God has placed him."

"Baptist Training Union Magazine" is published monthly by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Baylor Hosts Church-State Meet

Hundreds of pastors, laymen, denominational and government leaders are at Baylor University this week of March 18-21 for the J. M. Dawson Lectures on Church and State.

They will hear Dr. William Lee Miller, professor of social ethics at Yale Divinity School, lecture on "The Role of Church and State in Free Society" and they will attend seminars conducted by prominent Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and state leaders.

Baylor established the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State in 1957. The studies are named in honor of Dr. Dawson, chairman of Baylor, who has contributed much to the church-state studies and relationships.

## DEVOTIONAL-

### MEN PERSUADERS

By Rev. Don H. Stewart,  
Pastor, Perkinson

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men (cause them to yield belief)."  
II Corinthians 5:11a

On one occasion Jesus told a parable of a wedding feast to which the master had invited guests who did not come. The master then sent his servants into the highways and hedges to compel (urge) all whom they could to attend. His parting words on the day of Ascension emphasized his basic challenge. "As ye are going, MAKE disciples" (Matt. 28:19).

All of the verbs connected with the Christian walk are active. There is nothing passive about the life in Christ. The example of the experiences of Jesus challenges the Christian. The life and ministry of the Apostle Paul reiterate the same foundational exclamation. His understanding of the Christian task is seen in the verse quoted. It is that they are to be "men persuaders."

The same idea is inherent in the New Testament word witness, which is most descriptive of the Christian's position in the world. One cannot escape the arresting fact that a silent witness is worthless.

Paul was possessed with a sense of indebtedness to the world. He said in I Corinthians 9:22, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." James presented the end result of such persuasive activity in 5:20, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

In order to be able to persuade men one must first of all approve himself as a minister of Christ (I Cor. 6:4). He must live a separated life (I Cor. 6:14-17); and he must bear in his life the marks of a Christian which are the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

The way to persuade men is to introduce them to the Savior, and the only effective way to do that is to let them see Christ living in you. As one lost man said, "I can think up answers for your arguments, but I cannot explain your life." It is necessary to live for the Lord Jesus, but it is equally necessary to speak for him in order to persuade men.

## Minister Ordained At Galilee

Tom McCurley of Gloster was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Galilee Church, Gloster, on February 24.

Twenty-one ordained deacons and ministers of the Mississippi Association participated in the ceremony. Rev. M. Glenn Smith, pastor at Galilee, was in charge of the service.

Nolan Phillips, pastor at Mt. Pleasant, led the opening prayer; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Woodville, delivered the charge to the church; Rev. Stanley Stamps, former Superintendent of Missions in Miss. Association, made the charge to the minister; Rev. Bill Smithson, minister of music at Liberty, music leader; Susan Longmire, member of Union, accompanist.

They McGees attended 45 associational meetings, 27 district and state meetings, and 250 conferences. Rev. and Mrs. McGee have taught 21 mission study courses, 17 church study courses, and participated in many other similar activities in Pontotoc Association.

Rev. McCurley, who has accepted the pastorate of Union Church in Mississippi Association, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint McCurley of Gloster. He graduated from Gloster High School in 1961 and plans to study at Southwest Mississippi Junior College at Summit.

A great missionary opportunity for Christian witnesses in college towns lies in the large numbers of foreign students attending American colleges and universities. For instance, the Republic of China Embassy in Washington has announced that a total of 7,317 Chinese students are enrolled in American schools for the 1962-63 academic year. They are found in every state in the Union except Alaska, and in the District of Columbia also.

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## Gaston Dedicates New Sanctuary

Dedication services for the new sanctuary of Gaston Church were held March 3, with Dr. Robert L. Hamblin of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, preaching the dedicatory sermon. The pastor, Rev. Bob Holland, was in charge of the service.

The church is located about four miles northwest of Booneville in Prentiss County on a spot which was selected for a school house in 1839 and which has been in continuous use ever since that time for school, church and community services. The first church on the site was the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, but in 1903, after the dissolution of the Ebenezer Church, the building and lot were sold to the Baptists for the sum of \$87.50. The name was changed to the Gaston Church in honor of Rev. Leroy Gaston, one of the Presbyterian pastors who had served there.

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## Highland In Visitation-Evangelism Week

Highland Church, Vicksburg is using the Visitation Evangelism plan for their revival March 17-22.

The pastor, Rev. W. H. Henderson, began the week of services on Sunday, March 17. Four other Pastors from over the state joined the effort on Monday and will continue through Friday. The visiting pastors will alternate for the preaching services, one each morning and evening. The three pastors not preaching lead in personal soul-winning visitation in homes in the community before and during the time of services at the church. This is a special effort to carry the message to the prospects who are not attending the revival preaching services in the church.

The Highland Church is the first church in the Vicksburg area to use the Visitation-Evangelism plan. Pastors who are assisting are: Rev. C. A. Rothe, Supt. of Missions, Winston County; Rev. Charles Stubblefield, pastor, Pope Church, Pope; Rev. Billy Greene, Pastor, Rawls Springs Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. R. E. Brady, pastor, Pearl Haven Church, Brookhaven.

## Leflore Pastors

### Commend Matthews

Rev. Wilburn Matthews, pastor of Calvary Church, Greenwood, has won a national award from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and has received a George Washington Honor Medal for his sermon entitled, "America at the Crossroads." Leflore County Baptist Pastors Conference has adopted a resolution commending Rev. Matthews for his patriotism and for this honor received. The resolution, in part, states:

"WHEREAS, the earliest pioneers of this great Nation came to these shores seeking not riches and a life of ease but rather a land wherein God could be worshipped in accordance with the dictates of one's conscience, and wherein man's relationship with his fellowman would be governed by the precepts of God's word;

"WHEREAS, this Nation was led to revolutionary war victory and independence by God-fearing and prayerful men, as evidenced by the now historical call to prayer by General George Washington;

"WHEREAS, a foundation of the Constitution of the United States of America is an underlying belief in God and the acknowledgment of man's dependence upon a supreme being;

"WHEREAS, this Nation has grown strong and great because of the spiritual foundations which were so deeply laid by our forefathers, and by God's love and mercy;

"WHEREAS, this concept of America's dependence upon and relationship with God is being viciously attacked day by day in our courts, schools and public forums by cynical men;

"WHEREAS, America's moral fibers today cry out for spiritual strength as never before;

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Leflore County Baptist Pastors' Conference that this Conference and all God-loving patriotic Americans appreciate the contributions made by Wilburn Matthews to the spiritual concepts of this great Nation."

## Shifalo Pastor Is Ordained

Bill Harrison was ordained February 24, at First Church, Waveland, to the gospel ministry.

Visiting ministers were Rev. O. B. Anderson, Superintendent of Missions for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association; Rev. Schuyler Batson, pastor, First Church, Biloxi.

There was special music by Ralph Smith, minister of music, First Church, Long Beach and Mrs. Ruth Ketchum, pianist.

Mr. Harrison, a native of Birmingham, Ala., is in his second year at New Orleans Seminary. He spent 15 months prior to his call to the Shifalo Memorial Church, Kiln, at Waveland as associate pastor to Rev. Jack Smith.

Harrison presented a Bible by the congregation of the Waveland church.

## Second Preaching Of Sermons Nets 251 Professions

FORTWORTH, Tex. — A Southern Baptist pastor in Maryland has found a new and highly effective way of using the sermons preached by Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs on "The Baptist Hour" each week.

In a recent letter to Dr. Hobbs, Rev. Elmer H. Pryor, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Girdletree, Md., said he and his young people conduct an evangelistic jail service each week using Dr. Hobbs' printed "Baptist Hour" sermons. In his letter, Pryor said:

"They do most of the preaching and love to use your sermons from 'The Beam'. During a three year period there have been 251 professions of faith. So you can see that they (the sermons) have a second use for the glory of God."

Dr. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and president of the SBC, serves as permanent preacher for "The Baptist Hour", a 30 minute modified worship service for radio which is now in the 23rd year of broadcast. It is produced by the Radio-TV Commission.

## Churches In The News

Emmanuel Church, Greenville on March 10 set a new record of attendance at Sunday school, with 160 present. Rev. Robert Perry is the pastor.

Salem Church, Smith County has organized the first Training Union in its history. The new Training Union will have its first meeting on April 7. Rev. Ray Fuller is Salem pastor.

New Zion Church, Leak Assee., has organized a WMS. New Zion is 25 years old and this is the first active WMS in the history of the church. Rev. R. W. Boyte is pastor.

## Trentham To Deliver Lectures At Midwestern

The annual Lectures on Preaching will be given at Midwestern Seminary on March 19-22, at 10:00 o'clock each morning. The lecturer this year will be Dr. Charles A. Trentham, pastor of the First Church of Knoxville, Tenn.

Dr. Trentham is generally recognized as one of the most dynamic and influential preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention. His experience as a teacher in the Department of Religion at Baylor University, and his seven years as professor of Systematic Theology at Southwestern Seminary have made him especially effective in ministering to theological students.

Dr. Trentham is a native of Tennessee, a graduate of Mars Hill College, Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Seminary. Before going to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Knoxville in 1958, he studied in Scotland and received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Edinburgh. In addition to his pastoral duties he serves as Dean of the School of Religion in the University of Tennessee.

Christian faith rests not on man's reasoning but on God's realities.

## Summer School At Midwestern

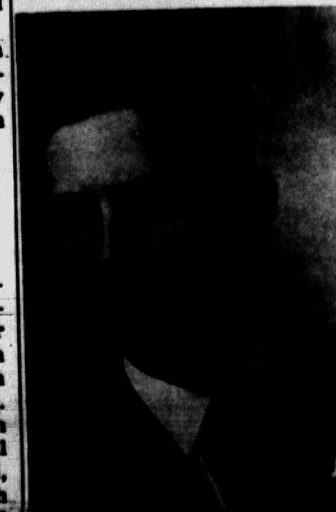
Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., is offering two terms of regular class work for the coming summer. In the first term (June 3-28), courses in New Testament, Old Testament Theology, Christian Philosophy and Pastoral Care will be taught. In the school session (July 1-26), students may take courses in evangelism, preaching, church administration, religious education, church history and Christian ethics.

Dr. T. B. Maston of Southern Seminary will serve as visiting professor, teaching the course in Christian Ethics. He will give a series of special addresses in the evenings of July 16, 18 and 19.

The new dormitory with cafeteria service will be ready for use June 1. Those who are interested should write the Registrar, Dr. V. Lavell Sears for full information. Pastors interested in refresher courses are invited to attend.



OUR SENIOR YEARS — Charlie Hanson finds out with his grandson that retirement from a job doesn't mean retirement from life. But it comes as a hard lesson when Charlie, the best tool and die man in the business, is forced into retirement. The drama of a man rediscovering himself after 65 is part of "The Answer" series for 1963. It will be telecast in Mississippi over the following stations. Jackson, WLBT-TV, 7:30 a. m. Sunday. Meridian, WTOP-TV, 12:30 p. m. Sunday. Check your local newspaper for possible time changes.



ON SUNDAY, March 16, First Church, Lucedale, Rev. Joe Stevill, pastor, licensed Don Walters for the gospel ministry. Don, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walters of Lucedale, last year graduated from Lucedale High School. Recently, Don is a freshman at Mississippi College. His church membership is in Briarwood Church, Jackson. Rev. Bill Watson, pastor.